

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	April 8, 2015
BOARD MEETING	May 5, 2015
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Department of Mental Health (DMH)
SUBJECT	Request approval to amend an existing DMH Legal Entity Agreement with United American Indian Involvement, Inc. (UAIL), to add funding for the provision of Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) services to the American Indian community through a prevention-focused Promising Practice.
PROGRAM	<p>On August 27, 2009, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission approved the County of Los Angeles DMH's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) PEI Plan for Los Angeles County. The PEI Plan included services to underserved populations, including the deaf/hearing impaired and American Indian population.</p> <p>The PEI stakeholders selected American Indian Life Skills, a Promising Practice designed to build life skills and increase suicide prevention skills for American Indian high school students, as a program to be implemented for American Indians countywide. The American Indian Life Skills curriculum is tailored to American Indian norms, values, beliefs, and attitudes. It is designed to build self-esteem, identify emotions and stress, increase communication and problem solving skills, and recognize and eliminate self-destructive behavior (including substance use). The American Indian Life Skills provides American Indian children (ages 13-15) and Transition Age Youth (TAY) (ages 16-19) information on suicide and suicide intervention training and helps them set personal and community goals.</p>
DEADLINES	None
COST & FUNDING	<p>The total cost for this Amendment is fully funded by State MHSA revenue in the amount of \$7,800, increasing the Maximum Contract Amount to \$2,967,700 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15. Funding for this Amendment is included in DMH's FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget. Funding for future years will be incorporated into the budget through DMH's annual budget request process.</p> <p>There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.</p>

PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board's authorization to fund UAI will allow DMH to promote the implementation of the American Indian Life Skills Program to the American Indian community through a prevention-focused Promising Practice throughout Los Angeles County that is expected to enhance and strengthen DMH's mental health services to the children, TAY and their families being served.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>On May 9, 2013, DMH issued a MHSA PEI Statement of Eligibility and Interest (SEI) #DMH050913B1-Phase I to identify agencies on its MHSA Master Agreement list interested in implementing the American Indian Life Skills Program throughout Los Angeles County. A total of 12 agencies responded. Of the 12 agencies, two agencies met DMH's established eligibility criteria to provide the American Indian Life Skills services. On June 4, 2013, DMH issued SEI #DMH050913B1-Phase II to confirm and verify the two agencies' eligibility. UAI was the only agency DMH could verify met all of DMH's specified eligibility requirements to provide the American Indian Life Skills services.</p> <p>Founded in 1974, UAI is a private not-for-profit agency with its headquarters office located at 1125 West Sixth Street, Suite 103, Los Angeles, CA 90017, First Supervisorial District. Over the 36 years of service to the community, UAI has grown from a small community-based organization providing social services to the American Indians/Alaska Natives living in the Skid Row area, to a multidisciplinary comprehensive service center addressing the multiple needs of American Indian/Alaska Natives countywide, providing UAI with intimate knowledge of the community and their needs, which is essential to the program support and success of the American Indian Life Skills Program.</p>
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